

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Chinn on July 28 and July 30, 2010 (see also attached interview summary).

The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing at least one polyisocyanate comprising reacting organic amines with phosgene in an inert solvent, wherein the reaction is carried out in at least three stages, with the first stage being carried out in a mixing apparatus, the second stage in at least one residence apparatus and the third stage in at least one reaction column and ~~[[the]]~~ a pressure in each successive stage being lower than that in the previous stage wherein in said third stage, a carbamoyl chloride is dissociated into isocyanate and hydrogen chloride, and wherein the pressure is reduced from the pressure of the mixing apparatus of the first stage to the pressure of the residence apparatus of the second stage by a first regulating device, and wherein the pressure is reduced from the pressure of the at least one residence apparatus of the second stage to the pressure of the at least one reaction column by a second regulating device.

Cancel claims 8 and 9.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): The process of claim [[8]] 1, wherein the first regulating device is a regulating valve.

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The process of claim [[9]] 1, wherein the second regulating device is a regulating valve.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CLINTON BROOKS whose telephone number is (571)270-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL SULLIVAN can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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